

**Christ the King C.S.S.  
Catholic Student Council Meeting  
October 5, 2021  
Minutes**

**In attendance:** A. Fini, K. Zangrilli, R. Santana, A. Hewton, M. Gaspar, M. Lane, E. Podoski, K. Hill. D. Boras, A. Kovacs, A. Bourque, M. Lozowsky, B. DeSousa, M. Giardina, L. Triantafillou

**Welcome**

L. Triantafillou welcomed everyone and reviewed:

- Overview, Purpose, Roles and Responsibilities of Members
- Code of Ethics, Declaration and Pledge. Members please sign and return to L. Triantafillou
- Meeting dates shared, virtual until further notice

**Nominations and Elections Confirmed**

Co-chairs – K. Zangrilli, A. Fini

Secretary – A. Hewton

Parish Rep – M. Lane

OAPCE Rep – M. Gaspar

**A. Bourque** – opening prayer

**Principals Report (L. Triantafillou)**

***Achieving***

- Students are adapting well to Health and Safety measures and a more normalized routine.
- Staff has been stepping up to get extracurricular activities up and running, both in person and virtual.
- Daily screening was in place for 2 weeks as per health guidance, but expectation now is that students and staff will complete daily on their own at home.
- Students are permitted to enter early, at 8:05am, working to avoid congregating.
- 150 min instructional time is long but breaks are happening including outdoor masks breaks to support student well-being.
- EQAO math assessments will be done online this year.
- OSSLT requirement is waived for this year's grads but will return next year.

***Believing***

- Opening school liturgy was virtual, which will continue for now until we can safely manage large numbers in the gym (1565 students registered this year, 102 are remote and the rest in person).
- In person contact with parish priests is returning with a staff mass planned with Fr. Dave on Friday Oct. 8 (PA Day).
- Truth and reconciliation activities took place last week to raise awareness. Special thanks to Ms. Montgomery, Mrs. Lozowsky and Ms. Benati for organizing the activities.
- Many students have been dropping by to visit/pray in chapel.
- Partnering with *Live Different* youth organization and will be working with mentors to train them in a Circles program to support positive attitudes and a healthy sense of self. School wide assembly planned for March.
- Mentor Focus this year is Resilience, Empathy, Priorities, Values and Growth

***Belonging***

- The Board has created a Mental Health Literacy in Action program.

- Sept 29 was Jags Spirit Day, T-shirts purchased by school and distributed to students.
- Extracurriculars, Mental Health Team, Student Council, Rainbow Jags GSA Club and more all up and running.
- \$4000-5000 in grant (PC Charities) money was set aside for snacks bins. Bins are in place for each classroom - full of healthy snacks (apple sauce, granola bars). Looking at options to fund continually –no child will go hungry at Ctk!
- Gr 8 info events for parents and students being planned.
- Fall Awards Night (virtual) being planned for next month to recognize honour roll students from last year and special awards. Additional celebration for special awards possible - Stay tuned

Recent messaging home: There have been some challenges with student behavior during lunch – very small group of students – see email sent to parents for details and recommendations on speaking to children. Improvement already seen since note went home.

Update from M. Lozowsky – Grade 9s will take part in retreats, meeting 4 times over the next 2 quads (activities such as nature walks and faith and community days).

- Focused on mental wellness and spiritual wellness.
- Bereavement group will be starting soon.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Oct. 8 PA Day

Oct. 11 – Thanksgiving (no classes)

Oct. 12 - 1<sup>st</sup> day term 2

Oct. 12 - Photo Day

Oct. 13 OSAP, Bursaries/Scholarship Workshops – Grade 12s

Oct. 18 Marks are Available

Oct. 21 AP Information Night

Oct. 28 Grade 8 Parent Info Night

Nov. 1 All Saints Day

Nov. 2 All Souls Day

Nov. 3 Take Your Kids to Work Day

Nov. 7 Daylight Savings Time Begins

November TBD – Fall Awards Ceremony – virtual event celebrating honour roll and special award winners

**Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant** - The Ministry of Education has released info. Funding will be sent to boards, not schools. Application process will be shared with Co-chairs.

**Used uniform update** – balance prior to sale was \$560 , 2 day sale in September generated \$2980 - Total account balance now ~\$3540

#### **School Committee Representation**

- School Re-opening Team
- Safe, Equitable and Inclusive Schools Team
- Education and Career Life Planning Team

Note: Committee meetings during the day

We are looking for a Parent volunteer for each of these committees. If interested, please email Linda.

#### **Student Council Report (A. Kovacs, D. Boras):**

A. Kovacs (Gr 12 Co-President)

- Terry Fox Run not possible this year due to restrictions.
- Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation activities were meaningful and very well received by students.

D. Boras (Gr 11 Co-President)

- Jags Spirit Day was a success and a much needed way to bring sense of community.
- Goal to be as inclusive as possible – Inclusivity Rep posts on social media have been getting great attention – 61 shares on one post!
- Halloween planning underway– Costume Contest, Pumpkin Carving contest and more.
- Food Drive will be after thanksgiving this year to meet shortages that often occur post Holidays.
- Pink Day – looking at ways to accommodate with restrictions. Outdoor pep rally being considered – more to come.
- Cancer Assistance Services Halton Hills (CASHh) – there is interest in supporting this organization this year, looking at fundraising options.
- Student Feedback
  - o some concern that Civics Day may be cancelled. L. Triantafillou confirmed Civics will not be cancelled and will continue each month. It didn't happen in Sept. as we had Orange Shirt Day and Jags Spirit Day. Suggestion to consider spirit wear Fridays where students could wear team and Jags items.
  - o Lunches by grade have been very beneficial and has made for a more comfortable environment to use the cafeteria.

**Staff Report (A Bourque):**

**Supporting mental health**

In order to support mental health literacy amongst students, a series will be presented with 4 lessons:

1) Facts About Mental Health, 2) Know Yourself, 3) Help Yourself, 4) Help A Friend

**Other Business:**

**1. Member Inquiry** (E. Podoski) – What is the plan for funds in account?

- Known options include snack bins and/or team uniform replacements (1000-1800 for a set)
- L. Triantafillou will bring additional proposals from department heads to November 16 council meeting for discussion.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Tuesday, November 16, 2021
- Tuesday, February 15, 2022
- Tuesday, April 5, 2022
- Tuesday, May 17, 2022